

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Secker et al. (U.S. 6,538,366). Claims 1-34, insofar as in compliance with the claim objections detailed above, are allowable over the prior art of record.

Drawings

Applicant proposed to amend Figures 1 and 2, as illustrated in red on the attached photocopies. In Figures 1 and 2, it is proposed to add the label --PRIOR ART--. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the proposed amendments to these figures. It is believed that the foregoing proposed amendments obviate the outstanding objection to the drawings. Approval of the proposed drawing changes is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 35-37, and amended claims 1, 18 and 27 to obviate the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action. It is believed that the amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-34 are allowed. Since only claims 1-34 remain in this application, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

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